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The American Legion Honors Distinguished Public Servants

by Carol Griffith

For dramatic deeds – resuscitating a man whose heart had stopped in an elevator and locating a baby ejected from a car in the dark woods – to quiet and steady achievements such as maintaining the beauty of Roosevelt Center and acquiring new police equipment, Greenbelt’s top-performing public servants were honored by Post 136 of the American Legion.

The 23rd Annual Public Safety Awards ceremony and dinner was held on November 4 at the Post’s home on Greenbelt Road. Held each autumn, the event is sponsored and organized as part of the “Americanism” promotion of the American Legion.

Attendees included officials of the American Legion, including Vice Commander Kathleen

Linkenhoker, who presented honorees with awards from the American Legion, and Joe Williams, chair of the Public Service Committee of the Legion. Mayor Judith Davis, six members of the city council and City Manager Michael McLaughlin represented the City of Greenbelt. Council aided in presenting a city proclamation to each award recipient.

District 4 County Councilmember Ingrid Turner awarded Prince George’s County Council Certificates of Appreciation to each honoree and, with the assistance of Councilmember Emmett Jordan, citations from the District 22 delegation to the Maryland General Assembly.

Police Awards

Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze began the awards presen-

tation by announcing this year’s Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and two Chief’s Special Awards.

Master Patrol Officer Mike Dewey received a Special Award for his “superlative” work which made it possible for the city to become the first municipality to join the statewide license plate reader program, which Craze said aids in immediate identification of stolen autos and wanted persons.

Selecting, acquiring and implementing a state-of-the-art radio system that links all law enforcement agencies in the region, a process that had taken five years, earned a Special Award for Lieutenant Jim Parker.

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Stream Restoration Will Benefit Both Stream and Greenbelt Lake

by Stephanie Warner

An innovative stream restoration project underway in Old Greenbelt is expected to improve the water quality of Greenbelt Lake. Reconstruction of portions of the unnamed stream, beginning near Hillside Road and flowing between the Lakeside and Woodland Hills neighborhoods, will decrease the amounts of sediment and nutrients now being carried into Greenbelt Lake.

City staff made the Hillside stream restoration a high priority in efforts to improve the lake’s

water quality. The Hillside stream had the most erosion and highest total nutrient levels among the three streams that flow into the lake, said Terri Hruby, assistant planning director for the city.

Funding for the stream restoration project comes from a 2010 grant of nearly \$285,000 from the Maryland Department of the Environment, as well as nearly \$110,000 from the city’s budget and \$35,000 from Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI). City staff had earlier discussed planning

and implementation of the project with GHI.

The restoration project begins where the stream flows under Hillside Road on land owned by GHI and ends near Fayette Place on land owned by the city. “This is a really good example of GHI and the city working together on an issue that impacts both,” Hruby said.

The stream restoration project is based upon a 2003 evaluation of the three streams that flow into Greenbelt Lake. Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. (ESA) tested one water sample from each stream as part of a Greenbelt Lake Watershed Assessment report to the city. ESA had taken the water samples during a heavy rainstorm to learn how storm water runoff affected water quality of the streams and lake.

Test Results

Tests of the water samples showed that each of the three streams contained pollutants at levels exceeding federal and state guidelines, according to the 2003 watershed assessment report. In the Hillside stream, pollution from pet waste and other fecal matter was 45 times higher than is safe for human contact according to state guidelines. The Hillside stream also had excessive levels of oil and grease, copper and other heavy metals, nutrients and sediment.

Some tiny particles of sediment in the Hillside stream came from soil eroded from the stream’s bed and banks. The

See **STREAM**, page 12

American Education Week November 13 to 19, 2011

In celebration of American education, these columns tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community.

This week readers will get a glimpse inside Greenbelt Elementary School. It follows last week’s features on Greenbelt Middle School and Turning Point Academy. In coming weeks we will focus on Eleanor Roosevelt High and Springhill Lake and Magnolia Elementary Schools.

Beth Hancock Delights In Fourth Grade World

by Jim Link

It’s comforting and yet stimulating to enter Elizabeth Hancock’s colorful fourth grade classroom at Greenbelt Elementary School. The thick beige carpeting assures quiet acoustics and the perforated green tennis balls cushioning every desk leg prevent ear-piercing scraping.

Orange pumpkin globes with world maps painted on them rest on a table near her desk and a purple-lettered piece of wisdom stares down from her bulletin board: “To settle an



Elizabeth Hancock

argument, think about what is right, not who is right.”

A dozen or so multicolored educational website addresses dot another bulletin board. Here her students can get information about hurricanes, American history, museums, puzzles, art, geology, riddles

– anything that tickles a fourth grader’s fancy – almost instantaneously.

In her 16th year at the school, Beth, as her friends call her,

See **HANCOCK**, page 6

News Review Begins Its 75th Year of Publication

The paper is unique – the longest-running cooperative weekly newspaper in the United States – and has been featured in books and television programs, as well as graduate theses and other student papers on Greenbelt, planned towns, freedom of the press issues and the cooperative movement.

Some researchers have focused on the paper’s four-year David-and-Goliath struggle against a \$2 million libel suit in which the News Review was vindicated finally by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1970. The unanimous decision supported freedom of the press in a case still studied and quoted as a significant legal precedent.

In a town of nine co-ops, the News Review, 74, is second oldest, junior only to the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. The newspaper began life as the Greenbelt Cooperator, a letter-sized, 16-page mimeographed publication. The first issue appeared on November 24, 1937 – six weeks after the first families moved into their homes.

For those wondering how the paper gets out each week, the staff are largely volunteers, al-

though they may receive minimal patronage dividends, with senior copy editors receiving as much as \$8 per issue. In the Greenbelt tradition, the paper is organized as a labor cooperative. It is independent of city government, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) and other cooperatives in the city.

On the other hand, the paper gratefully accepts support from any segment of the community – from the city both by its advertising and by allowing the paper to rent office space in the Community Center, the Co-op grocery and GHI by their regular corporate ads, our many other loyal advertisers and, above all, from residents’ generous contributions when the financial pinch has been too tight. Mostly, however, the paper has been self-supporting from paid advertisements.

History

Early Greenbelt pioneers recognized the immediate need to keep the new settlers informed of local events and to provide a forum for the exchange of views. They laid down the principles that still guide the News Review

See **75th YEAR**, page 9

What Goes On

Friday, December 2

7 p.m., Holiday Tree Lighting, Community Center front lawn. Santa will arrive. Free to all. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, December 3

8 to 11 a.m., Breakfast with Santa, Greenbelt American Legion Post, Children 12 and Under Free

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Juried Art and Craft Fair, Community Center Gym, Festival of Lights Café Open

1 to 3 p.m., Free Craft Workshops

3 to 5 p.m., Free Harp 46 World Fusion Concert

Sunday, December 4

11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Craft Fair

1 to 3 p.m., Free Wreath-making Workshop

1 to 4 p.m., Artists Studio Open House

2 to 4 p.m., Klezmer Concert

6 p.m., Greenbelt East Tree Lighting, Greenbriar Community Building

Monday, December 5

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Municipal Building re: Standing Rules, live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltdmd.gov

Wednesday, December 7

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center, Room 114

Editorial

Our Carriers Bring Holiday Greetings

Around this time of year those who deliver the News Review traditionally leave holiday greetings envelopes at the homes they serve. The News Review does not pay our carriers much, so your generous holiday donations and expressions of appreciation help make their jobs worthwhile.

Most carriers range in age from pre-teen to the middle teens. For the younger boys and girls, delivering the News Review is their first job experience. Many older carriers started at a young age and continue to deliver the News Review mainly as a service to their neighborhood. It is a learning process for all these youngsters and, in some cases, the instillation of responsibility takes time and patience.

The holiday season affords all of us a chance to show appreciation and to provide encouragement for the efforts of these youngsters and at the same time to show understanding for any failings that may have occurred during the year.

2011 Changes

For the past two years there have been problems assuring the right carriers are rewarded – some illicit envelopes were distributed to homes and, to complicate things further, carriers for the Washington Post began distributing envelopes that had no newspaper name and were mistaken by some as News Review carrier envelopes.

This year our carriers will again leave envelopes. These newly-designed envelopes have the year 2011 and News Review printed in red along with lines for your carrier's name and address. Please do not use any envelope for your News Review carrier that does not have these identifying marks.

We hope these new envelopes will be helpful to you. If you are not sure that an envelope is from your carrier, call 301-474-4131 and leave a message with your address and the carrier address on the envelope or email us at newsreview@verizon.net.

Letters to the Editor

THANKS!

On Friday, November 11 the Greenbelt Community Church Junior Youth Group held a Rock-A-Thon to raise money for the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Four teams of children in fifth- through eighth-grade rocked in rocking chairs for 12 hours having collected pledges in advance of the event.

We raised \$3,000 for the shelter and had a little fun, food and music while we did it. There are many people to thank beginning with members of our church congregation, family and neighborhoods for pledging and donating. We had food and beverage donations from parents, congregants, Domino's, Ledo's, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Ladies Auxiliary, Baltimore Beverage and the Greenbelt American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Thanks go out to the members of our church who came by to cheer us on, the parents who assisted and the people who donated rocking chairs. The Payton and Chase Fund made a loving donation to our cause and we cannot thank them enough for this effort. We also loved our visit from Animal Control Officers Kim and Lauren who brought Big Daddy, Gorgeous, Gigi and Andy. Spending time with them made the event that much more special, even though Big Daddy ate all of the hot dogs and too many of our potato chips.

Paula Clinedinst & the Greenbelt Community Church Junior Youth Group

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North Woods Is an Isolated Treasure

The North Woods Tract (aka the Great North Woods) of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve may be a unique resource. There are town parks and woodlands in many places but these tend to be laced with trails and roads and packed with people. By contrast, on my last three walks in the North Woods I have seen no one, on three beautiful days. This is typical.

People do go here, though. There are two ways to know this. One is the paths which, yes, are there. But one must know where they go or trust them when one doesn't. It is not wise to walk here when one has to be somewhere anytime soon. I seem to get somewhat turned around on every walk; getting straightened out is half the fun. May this never change.

The other way to know we use this place: the trash. Surprisingly absent from most places, it is just as shockingly present in others, particularly along the streams. Middens of bottles and cans and Styrofoam and plastic bags mar the woods and insult the silence. On my last walk I brought my backpack and two trash bags and carried out one of those middens. Much more remains to be done. I'll be back. I'll need to bring more bags than this time.

I don't expect the whole town to go all Earth Day on this issue now. So I'll just ask one thing – each time you walk in the Forest Preserve, bring out one piece of trash you didn't bring in with you. And leave nothing else but your footprints.

Think of the forest you'd want your grandchildren to see.

Donn Ahearn



GHI Notes

Thursday, December 1, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Monday, December 5, 7:15 p.m. – Pre-Purchase Orientation – Board Room

Tuesday, December 6, 8:30 a.m. – Yard Line Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, December 8, 7 p.m. – Transition Guides with Board of Directors – Board Room

Friday, December 9, Office Closed – Maintenance emergency service available at 301-474-6011

Tuesday, December 13, 7:30 p.m. – Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday, December 14, 7:30 p.m. – Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, December 15, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, December 16, Offices close at noon for employees' Holiday Party. For maintenance emergency call 301-474-6011.

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

City Notes

Fleet Maintenance crews replaced a tire on a truck, repaired the front-end and made other repairs to Public Works vehicles and a dump truck and repaired the wipers on the front-end loader.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 19.37 tons of refuse and 12.15 tons of commingled recyclable material.

The Springhill Lake Recreation Center gym has been temporarily re-opened on a day-to-day basis pending completion of painting.

Public Works staff demolished the block light shack and removed old light pole footers at the Braden Field Tennis Court project.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF DEC 2

J. Edgar

(R)

Friday

*4:45, 7:25, 9:50

Saturday

Classic Film Series at noon

The Best of Abbott & Costello

All seats \$5.00

J. Edgar

*2:15, *4:45, 7:25, 9:50

Sunday

*2:15, *4:45, 7:25

Monday – Thursday

*5, 7:30

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GIVES Meeting, Holiday Party

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) has scheduled its quarterly meeting and annual holiday celebration for Saturday, December 10 at 10 a.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center.

Members and non-members are welcome to attend. Attendees are asked to bring food or drink to share to the potluck event.

Among the items to be discussed are the health fair, AARP driver safety program, help with the GAIL food distribution and assisting Hyattsville in setting up its own service sharing organization.

See Santa Fly In At Local Airport

People of all ages are welcome to join in the holiday fun at the Santa Fly-In on Saturday, December 3, from noon to 4 p.m. at the College Park Airport, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive.

Participants will see Santa fly in to the airport and then have the opportunity to have their photos taken with him. Special holiday arts and crafts activities will also be available in the museum.

Regular museum admission fees apply.

For details call 301-864-6029, TTY 301-699-2544.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Roosevelt Presents Winter Concert

Eleanor Roosevelt High School will present its winter concert on Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium at 7601 Hanover Parkway.

Featured will be the Roosevelt and Symphonic Bands, directed by Sally Wagner; the Symphony Orchestra, the Concert Orchestra and Roosevelt Strings, directed by David Yarbrough; and the Women’s, Chamber and Gospel Choirs, directed by Michele Fowlin. The ERHS band, orchestra and choir programs draw students from northern Prince George’s County.

The public is invited. Admission is free. For more information call 301-345-5393.

Get “Scrooged” At Arts Festival

Come celebrate the season with Dickens’ beloved tale of Scrooge’s redemption from greed and misanthropy. As Tiny Tim (all grown up), the brilliant Christopher Davis narrates Uncle Scrooge’s story, laced with laughter and juggling. This interactive comedy allows audience members to become Scrooge, Marley, the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future and other classic characters.

A delight for all ages, get Scrooged at the Greenbelt Arts Center on Thursday, December 15 and Friday, December 16 at 8 p.m.

ERHS Offers Aida This Weekend

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) will present Elton John and Tim Rice’s Aida at the school this weekend.

The production is a heart-wrenching tale of a love triangle that includes an Egyptian princess, a Nubian slave and an Egyptian soldier. It is a spectacular show with a lot of time and effort put in by ERHS students.

Performances will be held in the ERHS Gerald Boarman Auditorium, 7601 Hanover Parkway on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, December 4 at 4 p.m.

For details call 301-322-3251 and mention Roosevelt Drama.

Astronomical Group Hosts Star Party

All are invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a free star party Saturday evening, December 3 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Fields. In addition to the observatory telescope, several members will share personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin when it is dark enough, probably around 6 p.m.

In addition to the waxing gibbous moon and the planet Jupiter with its four Galilean moons, objects to be observed include several nice star clusters and nebulae. ASG members will be available to answer questions and provide advice about getting started in this hobby.

The star party will be cancelled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot at the bottom of the hill unless bringing a telescope.

Computer Club Will Meet December 8

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, December 8 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Everyone is welcome.

At the Library Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, December 8, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time, for ages 18 to 35 months, with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit www.pgcmcls.info.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, December 2 pianist John Guernsey plays lively jazz from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Capital Blues Ensemble holds a foot-stomping, blues-based Holiday Kickstart Show from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, December 3 the TV John Show records from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., John Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Hard Swimming Fish plays rockin’ blues from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, December 4 James Benson plays jazz guitar from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Grammy-nominated musician Ronn McFarlane and Ayreheart perform early music from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

Join Don Walters for Americana music night on Tuesday, December 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. Jazz ensemble Apothecary plays Wednesday, December 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. James and Martha will host the open microphone session Thursday, December 8 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, December 9 pianist John Guernsey is back with jazz and blues from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with Stealing Liberty playing jazzy versions of the Grateful Dead and others from 8 to 11 p.m. Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, December 10; pianist John Guernsey’s jazz and blues are on from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and 17-year-old Andy Poxon entertains with his blazing guitar from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, December 11 James Benson entertains with jazz guitar from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Jack Couldn’t Make It plays old-time music from 5 to 8 p.m.

Celarier Exhibit Opens With Reception Sun.

A new exhibition of found object sculptures and tapestries by artist Eric Celarier at the Greenbelt Community Center Gallery combines pieces from two series that mine the post-consumer “wasteland.” The exhibit will be on display through January 8.

Celarier’s Alternative Evolution series includes sculptural creatures made of human cast-offs and natural materials – imaginary manifestations of natural selection in an environment influenced by humans. The series includes tapestries made of leather-bound circuit boards reminiscent of traditional American scrap quilts that also raise questions about the management of electronic waste.

Celarier, who lives and works in Montgomery County, will be available for comment at an opening reception on Sunday, December 4 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Community Center Gallery.

Celarier’s works are available at www.celarier.com and www.alternativeevolution.com.

Kindergarten Info Night Is Monday

A kindergarten information night will be held on Monday, December 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 202. Participating kindergarten programs include Greenbelt Elementary, Berwyn Heights Elementary, Robert Goddard French Immersion, Friends Community School, Holy Trinity Episcopal Day and others.

Contact 301-474-5570 or gns@greenbeltnurseryschool.org for details.

GHI Seeks Help Pulling Invasives

The Greenbelt Homes Woodlands Committee will be working to pull trash and invasive exotic plants from the woods near the corner of Hillside Road and Woodland Way on Saturday, December 3 starting at 10 a.m. If available bring gloves and bags for trash and clippers for plant removal.

For more details call Matt Berres at GHI at 301-474-6011.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm
Third Saturday every month, 10am–1pm
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\$9.00 Adults,

\$8.25 Students/Military

\$6.50 for Seniors/Children

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Week of DEC 2

FRI. – SAT.

Puss in Boots, PG

11:45, 2:10, 4:25, 6:55, 9:20

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn,

Part 1, PG-13

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7:05, 7:40, 9:35, 10:15

Happy Feet Two in 3D, PG

Lowest prices in the area

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Arthur Christmas, PG

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The Muppets, PG

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Immortals, R

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Tower Heist, PG-13

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Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction
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Children 12 and younger – Free, All others – \$7/person
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Greenbelt Nursery School
Kindergarten Info Night
Monday, Dec. 5 @ 7-9 pm
Room 202 in the Greenbelt Community Center
Panel of area kindergarten representatives
Free and open to the public
For info, call GNS at 301 474 5570

Mishkan Torah Presents

**Rusty Mason and
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in a dance and concert of 1930s and 1940s swing music

Sunday, December 11, 2011
at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door
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**ALICE IN
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December 2, 3 at 8:00 p.m.
Ticket prices: \$17 General
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Coming Soon:
December 8 – 11: Beyond Therapy - Production from Thunderous Productions
December 15 & 16: A (Comic) Christmas Carol - Production from Christopher Davis
December 17 & 18: - The Chromatics – Holiday Concert
December 17 & 20: AUDITIONS: Pippin

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Obituaries

William F. McCloskey

 William Francis McCloskey, 89, of Waldorf, Md., died on November 26, 2011, at his residence. He was formerly of Lake-

wood, where his family were original residents.
Born on August 19, 1922, in Providence, R.I., Mr. McCloskey was the son of the late William Francis McCloskey and Mary Ellen Crocker McCloskey.
Mr. McCloskey was a World War II veteran who was stationed at Schofield Barracks during the attack on Pearl Harbor. He saw action on New Guinea, Munda and the Phillipines. Injured on Luzon, he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

Mr. McCloskey began his career of public service with the District of Columbia Fire Department on July 6, 1950, as a fire fighter technician with Engine 16. He retired on September 1, 1969. After his retirement he served as bailiff for the 5th District Court of Md., retiring in 1985.

He was preceded in death by an infant son and a daughter, Tara McCloskey Merritt of Mechanicsville, Md.

His survivors include his wife of 60 years, Dolores Frances Roche McCloskey; sons William McCloskey and his wife Beverly of Edgewater, Md.; Joseph McCloskey and his wife Cindy of Richmond, Va.; Raymond McCloskey and his wife Tracey of Hughsville, Md.; Dennis McCloskey and his wife Denise of Waldorf; and Matthew McCloskey and his wife Debbie of Lusby, Md.; daughter Sue Anne Evans of Centennial, Co.; son-in-law Robert Merritt of Chesapeake Beach, Md.; 24 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family received friends for a viewing on Wednesday, November 30.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 1 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 3320 St. Peter's Church Road, Waldorf. Interment will be on Wednesday, December 7 at 10 a.m. at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, Md.



Hear String Quartet At National Gallery

On Sunday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. the Pacifica String Quartet will perform in concert at the National Gallery of Art. This free event will take place in the West Garden Court, and features the music of Beethoven.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS
Sundays 10 A.M.
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McCarty – McLaughlin Engagement

Leslie and Michael McLaughlin announce the engagement of their son Matt McLaughlin to Kelly McCarty. Kelly is the daughter of Dave and Patty McCarty of Raleigh, N.C. Kelly is related by marriage to Alan and Gwen Turnbull of Ridge Road. Matt and Kelly are planning a fall 2012 wedding in Greenbelt.

Matt and Kelly were introduced by Kelly's cousin, Danielle Pedersen, during the summer of 2008. Danielle was a counselor at the Greenbelt Recreation Department Creative Kids Camp. Kelly was in Washington for a summer internship and also became the dance instructor for Creative Kids Camp. At the time, Matt was the Camp Encore Manager.

Fall came and they continued a long distance relationship as Kelly headed back to Elon University for her senior year and Matt headed off to Arizona State University (ASU) to begin his masters of fine arts in printmaking. The following year brought Kelly's graduation with a BA in international studies and Spanish and a move to Arizona to begin her masters in human rights and social justice at ASU.

Kelly successfully completed her master's degree this past May and moved to the Washington area to begin work at WOLA (Washington Office on Latin America). Matt successfully defended his graduate thesis on November 21 and had his thesis gallery opening on November 22. He is moving back to the Washington area in December and will begin teaching a masters level class at the Corcoran School of Art in January.



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Saturday, December 3 is "KinderKristmas" at Belair Mansion in Bowie. From 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and enjoy tours and crafts. Open free to youngsters age 3 to 10. Donations to the Bowie Food Pantry are requested.

Free Holiday Tours At Belair Mansion

On Sunday, December 4 from 4 to 7 p.m. "Twilight Tours of Belair by Candlelight" will be offered at Belair Mansion in Bowie. Enjoy holiday decorations of the past, music of Bedlam and cider in the kitchen. The tour is free; donations to Bowie Food Pantry are requested.




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Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter Charles A. Fuchs of Lakeside Drive, who died November 26, 2011. He and his wife Magdalene had recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 30.

We were sorry to hear of the death of former Greenbelter William F. McCloskey of Waldorf, on November 26, 2011, at the age of 89. The McCloskey family were original residents of the Lakewood subdivision.

Congratulations to:

- Greenbelt’s Congressman Steny Hoyer, who was the first recipient of the new Nancy S. Grasmick Leadership in Early Care and Education Award made by the Maryland Family Network, for his outstanding commitment to young children and their families, teachers and care providers.
- Greenbelt’s Lady Angels basketball team, which has for the third time returned from Montreal, Canada, as the women’s tournament and International Champions.
- newly-engaged couple Matt McLaughlin and Kelly McCarty. The two met in the summer of 2008 while working at Camp Encore. A fall 2012 wedding is planned. Matt’s parents Michael and Leslie McLaughlin are delighted with the news.
- Vincent and Erika Knode of Crofton on the birth of their first child, Teagan Michael Knode, on October 13, 2011. The new baby has a lineage of Greenbelt connections through both his father and his mother. He is the great-great-grandson of two longtime Greenbelters, Lorraine Moroney of Hillside and Theodosia Shipp of Ridge Road. On the Moroney side, Lorraine’s daughter Mary McGraw of Lakewood is great-grandmother; Mary’s daughter Dawn Olverson is grandmother; Dawn’s son Vincent is the baby’s father. On the Shipp side, Theo’s daughter Linda is great-grandmother, Linda’s daughter Debbie is grandmother and Debbie’s daughter Erika is the baby’s mother.

Happy birthday and best wishes for another happy year to Jean D’Esposito, who was 99 years old on the auspicious date of 11-11-11. A big family party was held at the Lakewood home of her daughter and son-in-law Mary Ann and Bob Hawk. The family is already looking forward to an even bigger celebration next year. Mrs. D’Esposito and her husband George moved to 13 Court Ridge in the early 1940s; since George’s death in 1999, she has been a resident of Green Ridge House.

The many friends of Irene Pavlish will be happy to hear that Irene is back at home and feeling almost like her old self after months of surgery and rehab.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Greenbelt’s Lady Angels Win Third Trophy

by Greg Carter

Once again Greenbelt’s Lady Angels basketball team returned victorious from the July 2011 women’s tournament in Montreal, Canada, with the trophy heralding them as international champions. It was their third tour to Montreal and their third win.

To celebrate their triumph, in September a banquet was held in their honor, with each player receiving a beautiful certificate and a first place medal for their winning efforts.

Lady Angels Most Valuable Player Lauren Brittingham received an additional trophy and has also been invited to an overseas tryout with a professional basketball team.

Coach Herb Allen of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center staff was presented with a certificate of appreciation and honored with another Greenbelt Lady Angels Championship banner. He responded with tearful words, thanking the city for the opportunity; the players for their dedication and performance; and recreation center managers Brian

Butler and Kayode Lewis for believing in the Lady Angels program. He ended by saying, “I told myself I wasn’t going to cry but I can’t help it. I will say this, though, we planned on winning this third title and God blessed our efforts!”

Allen said the Angels are planning to represent Greenbelt in local leagues and tournaments. In July 2012 they also hope to return to Montreal to defend their ranking and titles.

Greenbelt resident Greg Carter, a minister, is the organizer of the team.

Maryland Ensembles Present Free Concert

The University of Maryland will present a free concert on Friday, December 9 at 8 p.m. in Kay Theatre at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Dynamic rhythms and movements of the kebyar and angklung styles come alive in performances by musicians and dancers of the Gamelan Saraswati Ensemble.

The Koto Ensemble also performs, expressing the quiet beauty, rustic simplicity and intricate harmonies of nostalgic melodies, evoking the autumn season in Japan.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5-9

Monday, December 5 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Standing Rules** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltnmd.gov

Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD MEETING** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Rm 114. On the Agenda: Update on Baltimore-Washington Parkway Widening Feasibility Study, Update on Baltimore-Washington Rail Intermodal Facility Public Workshop and Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan – Matrix

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee (Adult Member) For information call 301-474-8000.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Greenbelt Board of Appeals -- Variance Application 11-002-V

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on December 14, 2011 at 7:00pm in the Greenbelt Community Center (Suite 200), 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD on an application filed by Mr. Ibrahim Uyar for consideration of a request for a variance of 7.5 feet from the minimum rear yard setback requirement and a variance of 1.2% from the minimum lot coverage requirement for the purpose of validating a 286 square foot, addition to the single-family home located at 6807 Landon Court. For more information please contact Terri Hrubby at 301-474-0569.

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FRANCHISE RENEWAL WITH COMCAST

The City of Greenbelt is in an informational gathering stage of the Franchise Renewal process with Comcast. During this stage, we welcome the comments, suggestions and needs of Greenbelt Residents concerning cable television services. The current franchise with Comcast is until 2014, so we are early in this process. Please feel free to e-mail Beverly Palau at bpalau@greenbeltnmd.gov with your comments, post suggestions on the City’s Facebook Page www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt under the Comcast Renewal posting, or call 301-474-8000. Public Hearings on this issue will be held throughout the renewal period. Please look for them as an agenda item to a future City Council meeting and consider participating in these hearings. The City will keep a record of citizen’s comments throughout the Franchise Renewal Process.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS ACTIVITIES THIS WEEKEND...

Friday, December 2nd: **Holiday Tree Lighting.** Begins at 7:00pm. Greenbelt Community Center front lawn. All ages welcome – FREE! Holiday lights will adorn the tree in the traditional spirit of the Festival of Lights season. Musical performances by the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir and other community groups will herald Santa’s grand entrance to help light the tree. Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by the Recreation Department.

Juried Art and Craft Fair, Greenbelt Community Center, FREE admission, concerts and hands-on crafts! More Information: 240-542-2057. Find unique and affordable hand-crafted gifts for any occasion. Visit the Humanities Mart for Greenbelt Museum gifts, publications by local authors, and Greenbelt 75th Anniversary commemorative items. Refreshments available at the Festival of Lights Café to benefit the Greenbelt Arts Center.

SATURDAY, December 3rd:
10am-5pm: Craft Fair and Festival of Lights Café Open
1pm-3pm: FREE Craft Workshop
3pm-5pm: FREE Harp 46 World Fusion Concert

SUNDAY, December 4th:
11am-4pm: Craft Fair and Festival of Lights Café Open
1pm-3pm: FREE Wreath-Making Workshop
1pm-4pm: Artists’ Studio Open House
2pm-4pm: Klezmer Concert with Alexandria Kleztet
For a full list of artists and crafters, please visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov/arts

Saturday, December 3, 8-11am **Pancake Breakfast with Santa** at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, 6900 Greenbelt Rd. \$7/adults Ages 12 & under/ FREE All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, eggs, and beverages. Please bring your camera to photograph your little ones with Santa. For more information, please call Lynda Varda, 301-474-8964. Hosted By: The Greenbelt Lions Club, in conjunction with the American Legion Post #136

Sunday 12/04, 6:00pm, **Greenbelt East Tree Lighting**, Greenbriar Community Building- FREE Open to all ages. Information: 301.441.1096 Hosted by: Greenbriar

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American Education Week – November 13-19, 2011

New Kindergarten Teacher Loves Her Job at School

by Jim Link

Three salient impressions quickly emerge when one is talking with Dawn Reichle, rookie kindergarten teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Reichle is a paradox. She loves her new job. Yet her new job frustrates her enormously.

Paradoxically, although Reichle has only three months' experience as a full-time teacher, she can rely on an enviable amount of prior experience to help get her sea legs. Even before she graduated from the College of Notre Dame (Baltimore) in May 2010, she nannied autistic pre-school children (3 to 5 years old, pre-verbal) for four years. "I loved it," she says. "I could do my college schoolwork while the children napped."

Reichle also counseled children for several summers in Howard County summer camps. Then she became pregnant during her time student teaching at Hillcrest Elementary School in Baltimore County. Her son Jonathan is now 15 months old.

Furthermore, Reichle substitute taught "everywhere" for a full year in Howard and Prince George's Counties. "I learned so much, saw so much, was exposed to so many different instructional strategies. I taught in so many different classrooms and worked under a variety of administrators. I was very fortunate," she says.

In Greenbelt Reichle loves her endlessly curious, creative, squirmy kindergarten students. She is very grateful to her "team" – her co-kindergarten teachers. "I get a great deal of support and they have lots of different ideas." One of these excellent ideas is the Thanksgiving feast – turkey in the cafeteria – they were planning to throw for their 20 kids.

Reichle also admires GES's



Dawn Reichle

new principal, Monica Gaines. "She's very open-minded and flexible," she says. "Her policies are not etched in stone and she's not afraid to think outside the box." She especially likes Principal Gaines's motto, "Teamwork is the

Dreamwork," and the "College Hallway" Gaines has established. "It's designed to inspire our kids to go to college," Reichle says. "I like to think that, as a rookie like me, she's still sorting things out."

The frustrating aspect of her job is what Reichle call the "politics of teaching" or teachers' mandatory responsibilities related to satisfying county rules and regulations. "Before I became a full-time teacher I did lesson plans and created bulletin boards, of course, but I did not expect so many quasi extra-curricular duties, so to speak."

In addition, taking attendance, filling out report cards, keeping a daily log and attending numerous meetings – these are a constant effort. As one example, Reichle cites the challenge of planning a field trip. "You (the team teachers) have to collect money, get chaperones, get security clearances, collect medical forms The pace here is fast and furious."

Teaching first and fourth grades was mellow by comparison. With "no down time" in kindergarten, she smiles broadly as she adds, "I wish I had a maid 24-7 in the classroom."

After giving me this new appreciation of the complexity and demands of teaching, Reichle bursts out laughing before commuting home to Columbia. "Now I have to pick up Jonathan and do it all over again!"

Hair Cattery Collecting Cold Weather Gear

Prince George's County Hair Cattery locations are collecting gently used coats, jackets, hats, scarves and mittens for Krausey's Koats, a national effort to gather cold-weather gear for those in need this winter. The collection takes place through January 1. The closest Hair Cattery locations to Greenbelt are in Greenway Center, 7545 Greenbelt Road; College Park, 7405 Baltimore Avenue; and Laurel Lakes Centre, 14190 Baltimore Avenue, Suite C.

All collected items will be delivered to local missions and homeless shelters and a variety of nonprofits serving the needy, such as the St. Vincent DePaul Society, Salvation Army and Cradles to Crayons. Transportation and delivery of the donated clothing will be handled in collaboration with the U.S. Army.

Berwyn Presbyterian Gives Free Concert

Berwyn Presbyterian Church invites the community to a free concert on Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. José Sacin, baritone, and Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal, pianist, will perform art songs of Francesco Paolo Tosti. A portion of the concert will be seasonal music.

A native of Peru, Sacin is considered one of the leading South American baritones of the day. He has collaborated with the leading figures of the opera and music world. Ruiz-Bernal, music director at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, is a senior faculty member at the Levine School of Music and has been recognized in numerous piano competitions.

Berwyn Presbyterian Church is located at 6301 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights. For further information call 301-474-7573.

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has been teaching in Prince George's County for 18 years altogether. Her mother, Bertha Stewart, got Beth started as a substitute teacher while she was still in college. The apple (of knowledge) doesn't fall far from the tree (of knowledge): Mrs. Stewart was herself a teacher and principal in our county for 36 years.

Carolyn Goff, principal at the elementary school when it was located in what is now the Greenbelt Community Center, hired Beth as a substitute "and must have liked what she saw," Hancock says, "because the system hired me full-time later."

Curriculum

What do fourth grade teachers teach?

"Everything," smiled Hancock.

"Reading, science, health, art, cursive writing, math, social studies – everything."

Hancock loves working with children. "My job is never boring; every day is interesting. It's wonderful to see them learn, to see the light bulb go off," Hancock claims. "I feel I've become a better teacher with experience, better with the students, better with my team." Hancock's professional team of co-workers consists of the three other fourth grade teachers at GES. "Four fourth grade teachers – I'm in room 4 – get it?" laughs Hancock. "We plan well together; they are fabulous. One plans a field trip and we go to a museum, for example. Another plans a garden party and we [the students] make a vegetable soup. One plans a school activity and the students hone their map skills by making these pumpkin globes," explains Hancock, pointing at the spherical masterpieces.

But her job is certainly not pure bliss. Though she admits her salary is now adequate after many years of work, Hancock is frustrated by budget cuts. "We were furloughed four days last year; we haven't had a COLA for a while."

Staff Cuts

One consequence of budget cuts is crucial staff cuts. "Our library was open five days a week for the media specialist (librarian) to teach computer skills and research skills but now we have to share two women with five schools – each here one day a week," Hancock explained.

"Last year we had the highest book circulation in our school library for all schools in the county (not just elementary schools), but now our wonderful volunteer parents are just not enough to shelve books and maintain that level of service."

Does Hancock ever think of retiring? "I've got two kids in pre-school," she bursts with laughter. "Not anytime soon! Maybe I'll win the lottery." For the record, Sarah is four and Andrew is two.

Like a fine wine, Hancock just gets better, not older, she claims. Then she exclaims, "I'm very lucky!"

New Principal at GES Seeks More Technology

by Sandra A. Lange

Monica Gaines always knew she wanted to be a teacher. As the new principal of Greenbelt Elementary School (GES), she is living the life she set out for herself many years ago. She says she thought about other careers, especially when people told her she wouldn't make much money in education. Nevertheless, she stuck with her dream.



Monica Gaines

Gaines grew up in Hyattsville, attending St. John's Baptist School and Elizabeth Seton High School. She graduated from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore campus with a major in rehabilitation services and a minor in special education.

She went on to receive her graduate degree in education from Johns Hopkins University and then for seven years taught math, language arts and social studies at Thomas Pullen Elementary School.

Later Gaines spent three years at Bladensburg Elementary as an assistant principal. For the past five years she was an instructional specialist for the northern area of Prince George's County. Oddly, Greenbelt Elementary was not among the 44 schools assigned to her during her tenure. Her work as an instructional specialist involved observing teachers in the classroom and helping those who might be struggling.

Gaines embraces her new assignment as an opportunity to build her skills in working with teachers and parents. As principal, she spends considerable time observing her surroundings, figuring out what's working well and what isn't. Gaines stresses the importance of getting to know her teachers and respecting their personal as well as their profes-

sional lives. She is building support by emphasizing that they are a team and "together we can make a difference."

Gaines has been most surprised by the lack of technology in the school. Since the school is not a Title One School, she says technological and

other resources do not flow to Greenbelt as they do to schools with larger percentages of poverty-level students. Gaines says she wants more laptop computers and interactive boards to use as teaching tools. "Teachers here still write on chalkboards and use erasers," she says with surprise. "We need to raise the money to update our technology," she affirms.

Gaines herself is the mother of a six-year-old and is happy she and her daughter are on the same time schedule for school openings. Just as she tries to make learning fun for her own child, she expresses the same commitment toward all her students.

Gaines is also anxious to increase attendance by parents at Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meetings and to attract them organizes an activity associated with each meeting. For one PTA meeting she initiated a book swap and plans a family bingo night for the December meeting. In October kids dressed up and paraded around the school as storybook characters.

Monica Gaines is cautiously feeling her way around GES, eager to listen to everyone, reluctant to make major changes too soon. She is respectful of traditions and customs in Greenbelt, she says, and will make improvements as time goes on.

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Drug Arrests

November 19, 4:09 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a resident juvenile was petitioned for possession of marijuana. The juvenile was released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

November 21, 7:30 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana in a school zone, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, possession of marijuana and resisting arrest, among other charges. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

DWI Arrest

November 19, 3:35 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol, among other charges after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

November 17, 12:17 a.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive, a non-resident woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. She was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

November 20, 7:36 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, windows were broken by a BB gun.

November 21, 8:37 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, windows were broken by a BB gun.

Burglary

November 16, 4:35 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, electronics, among other items, were reported taken.

November 17, 2:29 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a laptop was reported taken.

November 22, 3:32 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, jewelry and electronics were reported taken.

Vehicle Crimes

An orange 1987 Chevrolet Camaro with Md. tags was stolen from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway.

November 21, 6:15 p.m., Kenilworth Avenue at Rt. 495, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft under \$100, after being stopped in a vehicle displaying a Md. tag reported stolen by Prince George's County Police. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6900 block Hanover Parkway (rear Md. tag); 7800 block Mandan Road (electronics, other items); and 9100 block Edmonston Court (radio faceplate).

Vandalism was reported at 9100 block Springhill Lane (scratched vehicle) and 9200 block Edmonston Road (broken windows in four vehicles).

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

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PHOTO BY DAVID MARSH

Honored at the American Legion's Public Safety Awards ceremony were, from left to right, Lt. Ben Ross of Berwyn Heights Fire Department; Michael Jawer of Greenbelt Public Works; Greenbelt firefighter Adam Anthony-Pyndell; Emily Wasil, Greenbelt Rescue Squad; Officer David Lamond of the U.S. Park Police; and MPO Gordon Rose of the Greenbelt Police Department.

MPO Gordon Rose was honored as Greenbelt's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. In his "prolific" 11-year career with the force, Rose has earned 37 departmental commendations, three unit citations and two life-saving awards. He was also instrumental in acquiring and implementing the license plate reader program, a LoJack system and an electronic citation project. Rose, said Craze, "represents the next generation and bright future of the police department."

Officer of the Year

Lieutenant Warren Boyer of the United States Park Police, Greenbelt Station, announced Officer David Lamond as Officer of the Year. Lamond, as Boyer described, had joined the Park Police in 2008 and is assigned to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. While also serving as a field training instructor, Lamond

has written 594 citations, including 14 traffic arrests, five arrests for driving under the influence or driving while intoxicated and nine for narcotics possession. He has also arrested 19 wanted persons. In addition he spent a month in South Dakota assisting with training new officers for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Fire/EMS Awards

Successfully resuscitating a man who had collapsed in an elevator in a building on Ivy Lane illustrated skills that have earned Adam Anthony-Pyndell the Firefighter of the Year award for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The award was presented by Deputy Chief Brian Rudy.

Rudy also recognized Emily Wasil as Emergency Medical Services Provider of the Year. While putting in a considerable number of hours with the GVFD, Wasil

also had been a fulltime student, since graduating with a degree in Emergency Health Services.

Representing Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Chuck Fusco told the compelling, but sad, story of how he had chosen Lieutenant Ben Ross to receive the Firefighter of the Year award, even though Fusco noted it had been difficult to choose only one, as the entire department had worked hard, he said.

Ross had responded to a nighttime call for a personal injury auto accident in which a vehicle hit a tree, trapping seven people. Noticing an empty infant car seat in the vehicle, Ross then organized a search for the infant in the woods along the road and within 10 minutes the baby had been found. Later the infant and three others involved in the accident died.

Public Works

Last but not least, Jim Sterling, attending for Kenny Hall, director of the Greenbelt Public Works Department, named Michael Jawer as Employee of the Year, describing him as "dedicated and conscientious." Jawer is a gardener and horticulturist, working mostly in Roosevelt Center; he also helps to maintain equipment.

Turner, in her remarks while presenting a certificate of appreciation to one of the honorees, thanked first responders for their dedication and service to us "in the time of our greatest need." No doubt all in the room wholeheartedly agreed in acknowledging this debt to our public servants.

Abby Hoyt also contributed to the article.

Good Fences Make Good Neighbors; Thanks to BARC

by Cathie Meetre

After over a year of closure, weekend and evening access to BARC for walkers and cyclists has been restored. The new pedestrian gate was installed without fanfare during the week before Thanksgiving. It is open during daylight hours and, at about 30 inches wide, is a considerable improvement on the 15-inch gap that existed previously. Thank you BARC!

Since the gate opened, a steady stream of delighted and self-propelled individuals has been through it – including strollers, dogs of every hue and size, cyclists wearing anything from tip-to-toe Lycra to cutoffs and just plain walkers. All are ecstatic not to have to do the crawling-under-the-gate thing. And those whose physical limitations restricted their ability to do the limbo now have access to this little slice of countryside on our doorstep.

Greenbelt's back door to paradise was originally just a narrow gap in the fence – no gate. But in 2010, when contractors repaired sections of the chain

link fence that runs on the west side of Research in BARC, they covered the gap over. Regulars assumed it was probably the case that the workmen who took it down weren't the same as the ones who put it back and it was simply a mistake. But the coming of the new gate exacerbated the problem. Considerably lower than the original and sadly battered gate, it posed a more substantial barrier.

Then followed a classic Greenbelt comedy of errors. A concerned citizen took direct action and rolled the new fencing carefully back to reveal the original gap and all was well – for a while. But (all for the good as it turned out) a second concerned citizen wrote to the city to thank them and



PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

Research Road neighbors Nick and Frank Gervasi inspect the newly-installed pedestrian gate at the entrance to BARC.

BARC for getting access restored. The city, mystified, asked BARC whether there had been a change

in its policy – to which the answer was, categorically, NO! And within a few days, the gap was covered up and a large and emphatic sign placed strategically to eliminate any future fence manipulation – no matter how well-meaning.

The sign was a little too draconian for the concerned citizens to handle and petitions sprang up – including one stationed right at the offending rampart on weekends. Several hundred signatures were collected. Meanwhile, however, the city was quietly engaged in intense diplomatic activity with BARC to resolve the issue. A foray into the Greenbelt News Review morgue revealed that when the gate was originally closed to traffic, BARC stated that the purpose was to reduce traffic flow but not to exclude pedestrians. At a city council meeting with BARC, the issue was addressed and BARC agreed in principle to allow access.

The pedestrian gate is not a new gate, it is not shiny or impressive – but it is very welcome and has already seen significant use. It is to the credit of BARC and council that the issue was resolved in a timely and mutually beneficial way.

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– as a non-partisan, nonprofit co-operative endeavor, whose aims are to print the news accurately and fairly and to respect the Greenbelt “good neighbor” philosophy of life.

In January 1938, the federal government (which owned Greenbelt at that time) provided free space for the paper at the town commercial center. The government also donated much-needed used furniture, typewriters (including some historical machines still on display in the office) and other office equipment.

With the later withdrawal of the federal government from town, GHI, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Greenbelt Development Corporation, for decades continued the federal policy of providing free office space. The paper reimbursed the corporation only for out-of-pocket expenses. For many years the paper operated from offices in the unfinished basements of Parkway apartment buildings.

In February 1996 the News Review moved to fresh, new, above-ground rental space in the historic Center School, then newly-renovated and opened by the city as the Greenbelt Community Center.

Free Delivery

An important development in the newspaper’s history was the decision to deliver the Co-operator free of charge to every home in town, beginning with the issue of September 7, 1939. The policy of free distribution remained unchanged except for an unsuccessful effort in 1953 to go to a subscription basis.

As We Are

A few readers may recall when the News Review had, on occasion, only two pages – that was in the summer of 1957. Today, however, the standard size is 12 or 16 pages and occasionally as large as 28. The deciding factor each week in the paper’s size is the number of inches of advertising, which determine the number of pages that can be paid for.

At present 9,600 free copies of the News Review are distributed weekly to homes in Greenbelt, including the historic residential communities as well as Greenbriar, Greenbrook, Greenwood Village, Windsor Green, Greenspring, Hunting Ridge, Belle Point, Franklin Park, Greenbelt Lake Village, the Lakes of Greenbelt Village and Greenbelt office buildings and shopping centers.

In 1995 the paper moved to a cold type-computerized process, ending its long relationship with Allen Printing and their metal-typesetting letter press operation. This change to offset press enabled us to return to a longer page, allowing more space for stories and photos. We also added green ink. The paper looked good, our readers told us.

In June 2001 the paper lost its publisher, Chesapeake Publishing, when the company re-organized to print only major publications. At that time the News Review moved to an all-electronic process, involving a steep learning curve for the volunteer staff – a process that continues.

During the same period the News Review began working with graphic designer Lynn Epard, who now does all layout and preprint work for the paper

from her home. Copy is sent electronically to Silver Communication in Sterling, Va., for printing. We think the paper looks better than ever, although production costs have risen.

Staff

In the paper’s 74 years, 39 changes in editorship have occurred. But for the last 39 years, the paper has enjoyed extraordinary continuity with editor Mary Lou Williamson at the helm. And the paper benefits from the efforts of more than 68 talented staff who pitch in each week to produce it. Most joined to contribute to this community. Some, like Williamson, Virginia Beauchamp and Elaine Skolnik, have volunteered for 40 to 54 years and helped build the newspaper Greenbelters rely on today.

The Alfred M. Skolnick Memorial Fund, created to honor the long-time president of the cooperative, awards a yearly

\$100 Savings Bond to an outstanding Greenbelt graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School who is a proficient writer.

On the cusp of its 75th year, the News Review remains primarily a volunteer effort. The paper has never missed a publishing deadline. It has been produced since the New Deal era without fail by neighbors for neighbors – from the editor to reporters to proofreaders to the young carriers who deliver the paper.

Some important things have not changed in 74 years. We always are looking for people willing to contribute time and effort to assure the paper continues to serve the Greenbelt community. Now we particularly need volunteers willing to visit local merchants to persuade them of the importance, as well as the benefits, of advertising in the News Review. That’s how we can continue to serve this truly wonderful town.

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Gobble Wobble Is a Workout



Greenbelt's annual Gobble Wobble had a record 214 paid registrations. Some registrations were for a family of up to four participants.

Jason Carson was the first finisher in the 2011 Gobble Wobble.

At right, Mary and Patty Commins tied for second place in the women's division.



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B-W Parkway Widening Study Is Presented at Greenbelt Meeting

by Jonathan Taylor

Advocates for a third lane on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway sweetened their pitch at a November 17 public meeting.

The meeting – second in a series of three on the congressionally-mandated Baltimore-Washington Parkway Widening Feasibility Study – took place at the Greenbelt Community Center. Some 30 citizens, including Councilmembers Leta Mach, Edward Putens and Rodney Roberts and City Manager Michael McLaughlin were in attendance.

The tone of the meeting was sweeter than before. Study-sponsor Representative C.A. “Dutch” Ruppersberger’s (D-MD) staff were absent, their presence felt instead through a series of strategic concessions to local sensibilities.

First of these was the first-meeting summary which gave center stage to familiar themes of concern to Greenbelt residents but at the same time advanced the cause of widening the highway.

“Preservation of the aesthetic, historic and natural values of the Parkway. Maintain two lanes to preserve the Parkway’s character. Widening will not eliminate congestion on the corridor. Community and environmental impacts of potential widening” – these were among the topics represented. Those attending the meeting were assured repeatedly by the study team that the Representative had heard these themes.

Other themes, more hospitable to widening were, however, also on the list: “The environment is an important component but should not be an overriding element” and “An open mind towards the study is needed by all.” The overall message seemed to

be: I’ve heard you, but let’s see if we can find a way to do this together.

Traffic Analysis

Another strategic concession was found in an unexpectedly candid traffic analysis. Facing a predicted 34 percent increase in north-south trips between Baltimore and Washington, D.C., the study team concluded “a widened Parkway will carry more traffic, but will not necessarily be less congested than experienced today.” The overall message seemed to be: I expect the same congestion outcomes you do, but the region needs the extra capacity.

The last and most revealing concessions were found in the four widening options attendees were asked to consider: inside and outside widening under National Park Service (NPS) standards or those of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

Under the two inside widening options, a third lane would be added by taking up part of the median between northbound and southbound lanes. Under the two outside widening options, a third lane would be added by taking up part of the space outside the northbound and southbound lanes.

Widening outside would have greater impact on the area surrounding the Parkway and on its interchanges and bridges. More interchanges would need to be reconstructed (six versus four or five). More bridges would also need to be widened (seven versus four).

In addition, more residential properties would be impacted with outside widening (13-14

versus zero to one). More forest area within the existing boundaries of the Parkway would also be impacted (25-35 versus 9-26 percent) and more wetland areas would be crossed (18 versus zero to six).

Which Standards?

Widening inside under AASHTO standards would have greater impact than widening inside under NPS standards. Shoulders would be wider under AASHTO standards, taking more space on both sides of the northbound and southbound lanes. NPS standards, which are what gives the portion of the Parkway owned by the National Park Service (south of MD 175 to the New York Avenue/US Route 50 split) its current look and feel, are designed to limit the impact of the road.

Other options thus positioned to die a certain death also emerged. These included inside widening under NPS standards. The overall message seemed to be: might this be a non-disruptive way to widen the Parkway while preserving its character?

Then a sweetener was added to this option. Attendees were asked, “Would adding one lane be more reasonable to consider if the added lane were restricted to buses and carpools?”

At one table, this question turned a 1-for-widening, 5-against rout into 4-for-widening, 2-against. The outlines of a publicly-acceptable deal seemed apparent.

Even inside widening under NPS standards will be costly, however, say members of the study team. Price tags will be the subject of the third and final meeting, scheduled for some time early in 2012.

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2003 watershed assessment report stated that without intervention, further erosion of the Hillside stream would undermine the path next to the stream and might threaten support for Hillside Road.

Storm water can erode streams with its great force and speed if not managed, explained Brent Bolin, director of advocacy for the Anacostia Watershed Society. “When [storm water] comes shooting down one of these stream channels, it’s like a fire hose,” Bolin said.

The first step to stop erosion in the stream restoration project was replacement of the storm drain system that carries water from the surface of Hillside Road to the stream. The old storm drain system was crumbling and collapsed, Hruby said. The new storm drain will minimize erosion by slowing the speed of storm water runoff flowing from the drain pipe into the stream.

Carved Valleys

Storm water will also be slowed by a series of step pools carved across the streambed from bank to bank. Workers have already dug four such pools, about four feet deep, into the streambed near Hillside Road. A mosaic of smooth gray rocks covers the slanted step pool walls.

The rock-lined walls of each step pool should absorb the force of incoming water, Bolin explained, while water on the surface of each pool will be calmer. Wide sandstone rocks then form a high barrier between the step pools. The quieted surface water flowing over each sandstone barrier should thus have less force to erode downstream soil.

Prior to ongoing restoration, the eroded soil carried by rushing stream water had caused problems beyond filling Greenbelt Lake with sediment. Nutrients from the soil and other sources also had contributed to rapid plant growth in the lake.

According to the 2003 watershed assessment report, mats of tiny green aquatic plants have at times covered up to one-third of the lake’s surface. These aquatic plants grow in great masses when excess nutrients from eroded soil and other sources flow into the lake.

This clay-rich soil eroded from the stream’s bed and banks is abundant in nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus, said Matt Berres, manager of maintenance operations at GHI. Excess nutrients are also carried by runoff from rain and melting snow. Storm runoff washes nutrients from pet waste, lawn fertilizers and soaps into storm drain pipes that end in the Hillside stream.

Nutrient Flow

Storm drain pipes may also carry nutrients from sewage pipe overflows or leaks, Bolin said. “Sometimes a sanitary sewer line breaks someplace and so you get flow and it finds a point of relief in a storm sewer system,” Bolin explained.

According to council worksession minutes, an ESA representative had told council that sewage might have contributed to the very high level of fecal coliform bacteria reported in the 2003 watershed assessment of the Hillside stream.

In addition to recommending retesting the stream for fecal coliform bacteria, ESA has recommended that nutrients from fecal waste and other sources should be absorbed and filtered from the Hillside stream before reaching

Greenbelt Lake. In response, city staff chose a state-of-the-art method of streambed construction using grasses and other plants to absorb excess nutrients.

By next summer plants will fill the reconstructed streambed for approximately 20 feet beginning at the pedestrian underpass below Hillside Road, Hruby said. To create the grassy area workers will plant seeds in a rich organic compost laid on top of the rocky streambed. Stream water coming from storm drains on Hillside Road and the neighborhood surrounding Greenbelt Elementary School will flow through the plants, using the nutrient pollution as food.

Pollutants Filtered

The design of the planted streambed and step pools will also allow filtering of pollutants like metals, oil and grease. Storm water trapped within the planted streambed and the step pools will thus slowly soak into the soil beneath the stream, Hruby said. The soil itself will filter out pollutants that plants cannot absorb.

Storm water absorbed by the earth replenishes the ground water, which is good for the local watershed, Berres said. Hruby was unsure what proportion of storm water flowing through the restored section of the Hillside stream could be held by the planted streambed and step pools for such filtering of pollutants.

Nutrients and other pollutants will be filtered from rain water flowing off the land around the stream by a buffer of new plants and trees surrounding the stream banks, Hruby said.

The stream restoration project should also improve the water quality of Greenbelt Lake. “It’s going to reduce sediment loads, and hopefully reduce nitrogen and phosphorus levels,” Hruby said.

The restoration project may not, however, reduce ongoing risk to people and pets from contact with water containing high levels of fecal waste. Lori Lilly, a watershed ecologist with the Center for Watershed Protection, explained in a recent email interview that water quality of a particular stream can be different at different times. For this reason water samples must be taken multiple times to learn whether an ongoing problem exists, Lilly said.

Although the stream was never retested, Hruby said, the city had asked the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission several years ago to test sewage pipes near the stream. No leaks were then detected.

Grant Funding

Grant funding for the stream restoration project includes money to pay for water quality testing of the Hillside stream once the project is completed, Hruby said.

Workers have told Hruby they expect that, given enough sunny days, construction of the stream restoration project will be complete by the first week in January. Hruby said since the weather is becoming too cold for seeds to grow, planting the streambed near Hillside Road may wind up being the very last step in the stream restoration project this coming spring.

“When you do a project like this, you really get a lot of bang for your buck,” Berres said.

Berres expects the restoration project will create a beautiful stream and habitat for wildlife, in addition to benefiting the health of Greenbelt Lake.